whether Government have a plan to induct this aircraft into the fleet of Indian Airlines;

if so, the date by when the proposal is likely to be materialized;

if not, the reasons therefor; and

whether Government have explored overseas markets for export of this aircraft ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) First prototype of 'SARAS' (VT-XSD) aircraft built by the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) was taken out of the hangars of NAL on 4-2-2003 for the purpose of static display , only. SARAS is a 14-seater multi role light transport aircraft.

(c) to (e) Indian Airlines has no plans to induct this type of aircraft in its fleet since commercial production has not commenced.

(f) Export potential of the aircraft has not yet been explored.

Construction of Helipads instates

4651. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct helipads in the States with the cooperation of the State Governments;

if so, the details thereof; and

whether Government consider to implement any airline projects with the help of State Governments to improve tourism facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

Does not arise.

No, Sir.

Replacement of IA's Upholstery

4652. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

whether faded upholstery of Indian Airlines fleet is proposed to bc changed;

if so, the details thereof; and